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WAVEGUIDE-TYPE OPTICAL CONTROL DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action of March 21, please amend the above-identified application as folloss:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claims:

--36. (new) The device of claim 18, wherein, within said first directional coupler, said two optical waveguides converge toward each other, maintain a coupling distance, and diverge from each other, and within said second directional coupler, said two optical waveguides converge toward each other, maintain a coupling distance, and diverge from each other, and

wherein at least one of said first and second electrodes extends into at least one of said first and second directional couplers to where said two optical waveguides maintain a coupling distance.